

REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed July 3, 2007, claims 1-20 were pending and subject to restriction/election as follows:

- I. Claims 1-7, drawn to a method of generating electric power, classified in class 322, subclass 44.
- II. Claim 8-12, drawn to an electric power system, classified in class 290, subclass 40C.
- III. Claims 13-20, drawn to a method for cranking an engine, classified in class 123, subclass 200.

Group I, including claims 1-7 is hereby elected with traverse. The Restriction Requirement appears to distinguish Group I from the other groups because independent claim 1 includes the limitation "driving an electric power generator with the engine." Applicants note that independent claim 13, which is part of Group III, also includes the limitation "driving an electric power generator with the engine." Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Groups I and III can be examined together without undue burden. Moreover, Applicants have amended independent claim 13 to recite "A method of generating electric power . . ." to improve correspondence to the claims of Group I.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that, contrary to the provisions of §808.02 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, there would not be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction between Groups I and III is withdrawn. Claims 8 – 12 have been canceled without prejudice to consideration in a continuing application. Further consideration of the present application including at least claims 1-7 in view of the above election is respectfully requested. The Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned to resolve any outstanding issues with respect to the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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